

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting  
Thursday, January, 16, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.  
John W. Collette Education Resource Center – Conference Room A  
35 Commerce Way, Dover, DE 19904

Minutes

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by Chairperson Dr. Bradley Layfield.

B. Roll Call

The following DIAA Board members were present: Dr. Kathleen Andrus, Mike Breeding, Robert Cilento, Matt Donovan, Dr. Evelyn Edney, Vetra Evans-Gunther, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald, Bruce Harris, Mike Hart, Ted Laws, Dr. Bradley Layfield, Chuck Little, Douglas Thompson, Robert Watson, , and Michael Rodriguez, Associate Secretary of Education. Laura Makransky, Deputy Attorney General, Kevin Charles, DIAA Consultant, and DIAA staff Donna Polk and Amoscita Rodriguez were also in attendance. Jeremy Jeanne and Stan Waterman were unable to attend.

C. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Breeding to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried by a unanimous vote of 15 – yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunter, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, and Watson] and 0 no.

D. Approval of Minutes of DIAA December 12, 2019 Board Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Cilento to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Evans-Gunter and carried by a vote of 14 – yes [Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunter, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, and Watson], 0 no, and 1 abstention [Andrus].

E. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Cilento made a motion to approve the Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Andrus and carried by a unanimous vote of 14 – yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Edney, Evans-Gunter, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, and Watson] and 0 no.

II. Action Items

A. Approval of Tournament Sanctions

A motion was made by Mr. Hart to approve the 12 sanctioned events: Wrestling – Hammond Wrestling Invitational (01/10 – 01/11/2020); Indoor Track – Howard County Winterfestival (12/21/2019), CNU's HS Showcase (01/10/2020), Yale Interscholastic Track Classic (01/10 – 01/11/2020), Douglas Wesner Invitational (01/11/2020), Dickinson High School Invite #2 (01/11/2020), Kevin Dare High

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School Invitational (01/18/2020), and Eastern Shore High School Invitational #1 (01/18/2020); Basketball – MLK Great Classic (01/18 – 01/20/2020) and CMS/Capital Classic Delaware, Inc. (02/07 – 02/16/2020); Boys’ Basketball – BPG/Sports Play By Play Showcase (01/18/2020); Girls’ Basketball – North Caroline High Holiday Tournament (12/26 – 12/27/2019). The motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and carried by a vote of 14 – yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Edney, Evans-Gunther, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, and Watson] and 0 no.

III. Round Two Interviews for DIAA’s Executive Director & Discussion of Qualifications

Mr. Breeding made a motion to move into executive session for interviews of candidates for the position of DIAA Executive Director and to discuss the applicants’ qualifications to hold the job. The motion was seconded by Dr. Andrus and carried by a vote of 14 – yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Edney, Evans-Gunther, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, and Watson] and 0 no.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 1:10 pm.

Mr. Breeding made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and carried by a unanimous vote of 15 – yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunther, Fitzgerald, Harris, Hart, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, and Watson] and 0 no.

The Board returned to open session at 4:06 pm.

IV. DIAA’s Executive Director Hiring Process Next Steps

Dr. Edney made a motion to submit candidate A to the Department of Education as the Board’s selection for the position of DIAA Executive Director. The motion was second by Ms. Evans-Gunter and carried by a vote of 13 yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunther, Fitzgerald, Harris, Layfield, Little, Thompson, and Watson] and 2 no (Hart and Laws).

V. Additional Action Items

A. Annual Report to the Governor and General Assembly

Mr. Watson made a motion to approve the draft report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Laws and carried by a vote of 13 – yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunther, Harris, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, and Watson] and 0 no.

B. Temporary Help during Fall Tournaments Update and Extending Contract of Temp Clerical

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Mr. Laws made a motion to table the remainder of the agenda items (Items V. B – C, VI, and VII). The motion was seconded by Dr. Edney and carried by a unanimous vote of 13 yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunther, Harris, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, and Watson] and 0 no.

VIII. Other Items for Discussion Only  
There were no other items discussed.

IX. Public Comment  
No one made public comment.

X. Adjournment  
Mr. Laws made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bley and carried by a unanimous vote of 13 yes [Andrus, Bley, Breeding, Cilento, Donovan, Edney, Evans-Gunther, Harris, Laws, Layfield, Little, Thompson, and Watson] and 0 no.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.